1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	Assam	3634.43	-1909.53	3552.40	357.88	5596.00	4907.72	5921.21
3	Manipur	2080.51	49.37	1688.54	100.79	2775.05	2208.38	2718.30
4	Meghalaya	731.67	0	2063.18	831.65	2399.28	1589.76	2904.45
5	Mizoram	680.28	275.72	1424.15	241.41	1347.59	1347.59	1283.49
6	Nagaland	1179.49	35.10	1187-58	1036.58	1816.03	1330.03	2845.22
7	Sikkim	201.07	21.98	189.50	48.72	324.24	324.24	220.20
8	Tripura	1735.30	-309.02	2015.97	491.48	1785.74	1785.74	1951.53
	TOTAL:	10844.98	2695.73	12668.86	3162.23	16733.12	14182.65	18298.99

Tribal status of Medana Community of A.P.

1465. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for any comments on the tribal status of the Medana Community of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the response of the public;

(c) the status of the demand of the Medana Community of Andhra Pradesh to be granted tribal status; and

(d) the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir. However, a proposal to grant tribal status to the Medana community has been received.

(b) to (d) Does not arise, as there is no proposal for inclusion of the Medana community as a Scheduled Tribe.

Investment in plantations

1466. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the private sector to invest in plantations to help restore degraded forest area;

(b) whether the rationale behind this move is that the private sector, unlike cash-strapped States , has the resources and organizational skills to reclaim the degraded forest land; and

(c) whether, in the above context, Government would hasten to introduce the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill and vigorously implement the provision of Panchayat (Extention to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) framework for forestation of degraded lands has been envisaged to involve the land owning agency, the local village community and the sponsor who may be a company, firm, user group, trust, society or organisation in public or private sector. A draft framework has been prepared by Indian Institute of Forest Management in this regard.

(c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has already introduced the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill in the Lok Sabha on 13.12.2005. The Bill was referred to a Joint Committee of the Parliament for examination. The Joint Committee of Parliament has since presented its Report to the Lok Sabha on 23.5.2006, which was also laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the same day.

The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) are to be implemented by the Central and State Governments. While all States have enacted requisite compliance legislations by amending the respective Panchayati Raj Acts, certain gaps continue to exist. Further, most States are also yet to amend the subject laws. The States have been urged to expedite this process. The State Governments have also been addressed to implement the Act in letter and spirit.

Welfare of sex workers

1467. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NGOs working for welfare of sex workers, State-wise;

(b) the total financial assistance given to these NGOs during the last three years, NGO-wise and year-wise;